higher than during the other seasons. The SPM affects the respiratory system and may cause Asthma and viral infection. Studies conducted by Vallabha Bhai Pate! Chest Institute. New Delhi, and National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad, have shown some relationship between air pollution and respiratory diseases.

(b) The present health care infrastructure at the Centre and State levels is geared to meet the needs of the people suffering from viral infections. Asthma etc. However, as part of preventive measures, the Government has already Implemented certain control measures such as introduction of:—

(i) Unleaded petrol

(ii) Bharat I & II emission standards

(iii) Low Sulphur Diesel

(iv) CNG for commercial vehicles

(v) Pollution Under Control (PUC) Certificate.

Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi, is the authority for checking the air pollution levels in various cities and for studying the effects of various control measures through the State Pollution Control Boards.

Disinvestment of Ashoica Hotel

*90. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to disinvest the Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether a road map has been drawn in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the hotel is showing signs of turn around; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to have a second look on the move to privatize the hotel?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The hotel has shown improvement in its turnover over previous years in first six months of the current year *i.e.,* 2002-03. The final picture would emerge only at t^e close of the financial year.

(e) Does not arise in view of {a) above.

Targeted industrial output

*91. SHRI PARIVIESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial output during the months of April to August, 2002 was 4.9 per cent;

(b) if so. the overall target fixed for the current year; and

(c) what will be the likely achievements against the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY {SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The industrial output during the months of April to August, 2002 grew by 5.0 per cent.

(b) and (c) The Planning Commission, in Its Approach Paper. Tenth Plan has set an annual target of 10% for industrial sector to achieve the Tenth Plan (2002-2007) target of 8% GDP growrth.

The rate of growth of GDP is targeted to rise gradually from the level of 5.4% achieved during 2001-02 to a progressively higher level so as to achieve average annual 8% GDP growth for the Tenth Plan period (2000-07). Industrial production is targeted to rise progressively to achieve the targeted average annual growth of 10%. The actual achievement of the targeted growth will, however, depend upon several factors which include the impact of deficient rainfall this year, progress of economic reforms, stability of macroeconomic environment and the pace at which economic recovery takes place in the worid particularly U.S., Japan and European Union.

Outstanding dues of Prasar BharatI

*92. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Prasar Bharati through advertisements during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;